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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE



Trade sentiment was about steady in the West and East, steady elsewhere. Retail demand was light to fair, moderate where ads were active. Food service was slow to good, mostly moderate, best into fast food. Supplies of all sizes were more than sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, trading was limited with normal commitments able to satisfy needs. Breast items were mixed, overall at least adequate, and often discounted to help move product. Dark meat was adequate, and although wings were in the strongest position, availability increased slightly. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading remains unchanged at 68.25 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 62.50 cents last year on October 30, 2002. Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	197.00
BREASTS - B/S	179.00
BREASTS - WHOLE	88.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	95.50
LEG QUARTERS	31.00
WINGS	92.50

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady. Demand was light to fair, best for retail ads and fast food specials. Supplies of all sizes were usually sufficient to handle trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair. Wings and dark meat were well balanced to close and moving well, whereas breast items were mixed, but at least adequate with limited interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair during midweek trading. Offerings of all sizes were at least sufficient for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was only fair at best. The market tone was about steady. In the parts complex, breast items were at least sufficient with occasional discounting noted to clear excess product. Legs and leg quarters were adequate. Wings were clearing satisfactorily.

MIDWEST The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was steady. Trade interest on additional offerings was light for the adequate offerings. Movement into retail was mostly light; instances moderate in Chicago and slow in the St. Louis area as labor issues continue to affect retailers. Food service demand was mostly moderate, but ranged from slow to good. Floor stocks were in a full range. Weights were desirable. Parts offerings were moderate to at times heavy on boneless/skinless breasts and tenders. Trade interest was decent on wings and limited on remaining items as current commitments fully satisfy needs. The market tone was mostly steady; occasionally firm on wings and cautiously steady to weak on breast items.

WESTERN The market tone was generally steady. Offerings were fully adequate overall with heavy weights in the longest position. Demand was moderate to good, best to cover store feature activities and fast food specials. Floor stocks mainly adequate. Trade sentiment was about steady on parts with wings in the strongest position.

CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

19 STATES WEEK ENDING 10/25/03	2003	2002	PERCENT CHANGE PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	190,408	181,106	+05
CHICKS PLACED	158,628	157,001	+01

BROILER EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 5 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 190 million eggs in incubators during the week ending October 25, 2003. This was up 5 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 159 million chicks for meat production during the week ending October 25, 2003. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 29, 2002 through October 25, 2003 were 7.19 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

WEEKLY FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING Based on the preliminary chick placements, the number of fryers available for the marketing during the week ending 6-Dec-03 is estimated at 146.8 million head. This compares to 146.4 million head the previous week and to 146.7 million head the same week a year ago, when the slaughter was 153.8 million head and the composite weighted average price was 53.14 cents per pound.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

OCTOBER 29, 2003

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG	ITEM	POUNDS		MAJORITY	WTD AVG
	(000)	RANGE				(000)	RANGE		
BREAST - B/S	1,040	133.00-224.00	138-141	140.65	BREAST - B/S	900	130.00-225.00	132-136	136.94
TENDERLOINS	233	140.00-212.00	140-145	150.35	TENDERLOINS	190	140.00-212.00	145-149	152.03
BREAST - LINE RUN	105	80.00-92.00	82-84	82.84	BREAST - LINE RUN	115	80.00-92.00	82-84	82.94
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	106	30.00-52.00	33-35	35.89	LEGS	118	32.00-52.00	33-35	35.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	608	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.61	LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	612	26.00-30.00	26-27	26.61
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,035	28.00-33.00	28-30	29.51	LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,145	28.00-33.00	29-30	29.52
WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT				WINGS (WHOLE)	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
WINGS (CUT)	718	94.00-109.00	-	98.83	WINGS (CUT)	712	94.00-109.00	-	100.18
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				B/S THIGHS	47	92.00-95.00	-	93.40

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR — F.O.B. DOCK.

 F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
48.00 - 52.50	49.90	48.00 - 53.00	50.22	50.16

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity remained light and unaggressive as dealers found normal commitments easily satisfied demand. Offerings of boneless-skinless breasts were available and usually discounted to clear. Bone-in breasts were at least sufficient. Dark meat cuts were generally adequate. Retail and distributive movement was mostly light to fair. The market tone was barely steady on boneless-skinless breasts, and about steady on the balance.

*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. OCTOBER 28, 2003

ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	ITEM	CURRENT NEG		WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
	TRADING*					TRADING*			
BREAST - B/S	155	153.35	776,420		BREAST - B/S	150-155	152.40	617,060	
TENDERLOINS	145-150	141.55	193,800		TENDERLOINS	145	144.71	154,380	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	84.72	174,320		BREAST - WITH RIBS	76-77	78.76	305,280	
BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.65	167,600		BREAST - LINE RUN	76	78.48	111,600	
LEGS	38-39	38.10	290,920		LEGS	38-39	38.84	271,600	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	29.91	402,449		LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	29-30	30.08	332,433	
DRUMSTICKS	34-35	38.66	117,760		DRUMSTICKS	34-35	40.52	108,500	
THIGHS	29-30	37.39	108,090		THIGHS	29-30	39.50	60,290	
B/S THIGHS	84-85	87.24	114,380		B/S THIGHS	84-85	89.41	74,660	
WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	88.96	182,600		WINGS (WHOLE)	80-81	88.99	197,150	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.04	27,000		BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.89	40,960	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	30.77	21,850		LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	31.07	17,000	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	57.57	29,100		GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	59.98	36,760	

 INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL		AVG WTS	
	10/29	10/28	10/27	10/24	10/27	10/24	10/22	10/20		
ALA	3,995	3,980	4,017	4,124	5.39	5.22	4,053	5.34		
ARK	5,248	5,280	5,284	5,522	5.01	4.85	5,271	5.10		
DELMARVA	2,345	2,291	2,297	2,182	5.56	5.48	2,355	5.55		
KY-LA-TN	1,987	1,979	1,978	1,965	4.97	4.84	1,949	4.99		
MISS	3,128	3,093	2,829	3,558	5.55	5.33	2,665	5.53		
NC	2,420	2,363	2,312	2,822	6.42	6.29	2,426	6.26		
TEXAS	2,515	2,523	2,495	2,482	5.17	4.92	2,494	5.05		
TOTAL	21,638	21,509	21,212	22,655	5.38	5.24	21,213	5.36		
MON-WED 64,605(A)							63,427(A)			

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10/29 is estimated to be 32,373,000 up 1.7 percent from a week ago and up 3.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,832,000; last year 31,317,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS		91-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP		80-95
HENS UNDER 5#		-
HENS OVER 5#		60-63
DUCKS		-
RABBITS-WHOLE		-
RABBITS-CUT UP		-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	101-103
	DRY PACK	100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	89-105
	DRY PACK	105
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	91
	DRY PACK	89
DUCKS		152-175

ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 01-NOV-03

CLASS	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	11/01/03 (1)	10/25/03
THOUSAND HEAD		
BRO-FRY	163,565 (2)	160,301
LT HENS	1,294	1,239
HVY HENS	1,422	1,431
CHECK TOTAL	166,281	162,971

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 01-Nov-03 is 157.2 million head compared to 157.1 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 163.9 million head or 6.7 million more than estimated available. For week of 08-Nov-03 the estimated available is 154.5 million head.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS-SELECTED STGE CENTERS
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEY	PROCESSED POULTRY
	LBS	LBS
AM 10/27/03	189,245	48,238
AM 10/01/03	205,956	49,344
CHG	-16,711	-1,106
PCT CHG	-8	-2

COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	10/27/03	10/20/03	10/28/02	10/27/03	10/20/03	10/28/02
PACIFIC						
COAST	15,195	14,824	15,040	3,476	4,206	10,220
LOS						
ANGELES	429	442	856	1,871	1,950	4,209

CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 27, 2003

HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	RANGE
		59-65
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-76

HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES

	LOW HIGH AVG			FOR 10/28/03		
	LOW	HIGH	AVG	LOW	HIGH	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.59	.70	.62	HEAVY FOWL ea.	-	1.00
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	.40	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	.65	.85	.78	MIXED FOWL ea.	1.75	5.50
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	.50	7.00
BROILERS lb.	.60	.70	.64	BROILERS ea.	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	-	1.35	-	ROASTERS ea.	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	.25	.30
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	5.00	9.00
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	1.00
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.55	1.14	ROOSTERS ea.	2.00	8.00
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.70	1.30	.87	DUCKS ea.	-	3.00
RABBITS lb.	.50	1.00	.80	RABBITS ea.	.50	2.50
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	.75	3.25
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	4.00	8.00
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	.75
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	-
SILKIES ea.	1.50	5.25	-	GOSLINGS ea.	-	-
GUINEA PIGS ea.	-	2.00	-	TURKEY POULTS ea.	-	-
CHUKARS ea.	-	-	-			
TOTAL COOPS	128					

MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City

Cents per pound for the week ending October 24, 2003

	Whole	Legs	Necks,Back	Livers/	Hens
	Chickens	Breasts	w/ Thighs	&Wings	Gizzards
RAYON					
Low	40.67	105.75	65.08	12.20	12.20
High	44.74	113.89	73.21	16.27	16.27
Mostly	42.71	113.89	73.21	16.27	16.27

SAN JUAN

Low	40.67	105.75	65.08	12.20	12.20
High	44.74	113.89	73.21	16.27	16.27
Mostly	42.71	105.75	69.14	12.20	16.27

NEW SAN JUAN

Low	40.67	105.75	65.08	12.20	12.20
High	44.74	113.89	73.21	16.27	16.27
Mostly	42.71	105.75	73.21	16.27	16.27

BECERRA

Low	40.67	105.75	65.08	12.20	12.20
High	44.74	113.89	73.21	16.27	16.27
Mostly	43.11	113.89	69.14	16.27	16.27

DELMARVA Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as no better than fair, but sufficient in keeping the bulk of offerings in good balance. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 60 to 70 cents. Trade sentiment was steady. In the parts complex, boneless skinless breasts were in good balance to closely cleared at some plants, ample at others. Bone-in breast were fully adequate. Leg items and wings were mostly adequate. ACTUAL SLAUGHTER WEEK ENDING 10/25/2003 WAS 11,442,352 @ 5.49 LBS.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

RANGE	BRANDED
	U.S. GRADE A
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	57-73
NO. OF BOXES	63.45
	6,885

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

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